

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 738  
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the owners and employees of *The Wilson World* on the celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize our exemplary newspapers; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding paper is *The Wilson World*, which was founded in late 1978 by astute local businessmen, Charles Bell, Stratton Bone, Tony Hagan, John R. Trice and the first publisher, Comer L. Donnell, who saw a void existed in the Lebanon and Wilson County media market; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper was circulated free until 1981, when three young entrepreneurs bought the operation; and

WHEREAS, the new owners, the Bryan brothers, Tommy, John and Robert, took over the newspaper in April 1981 and assumed a hands-on approach to ownership; *The Wilson World* began providing an entertaining mixture of news, human interest stories and sports with a local flavor; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the newspaper's format was changed to a tabloid publication, making *The Wilson World's* appearance unique to the Wilson County reader; and

WHEREAS, in September of that year, local photographer and family friend, W. Troy Putman, bought Robert's interest in the corporation; and

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WHEREAS, Troy, Tommy and John have successfully operated the popular weekly newspaper since that time; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper's offices have been located off the Lebanon Public Square for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, Diann Gibson has served ably and with dedication as the newspaper's office manager for 9 years; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that we should pause in our deliberations to salute *The Wilson World*, which has become an important purveyor of news and information for the citizens of Lebanon and Wilson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the founders, present owners and employees of *The Wilson World* on the celebration of this outstanding newspaper's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this duly inscribed resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.